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**SAYS HE WAS TRYING TO INFILTRATE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE
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An accused spy says he passed military secrets to a Soviet KGB officer in Japan because he was working for the CIA as part of a plan to infiltrate Soviet intelligence, The Washington Post reported.

The newspaper said in a story in Sunday editions that Richard Craig Smith, a former Army counterintelligence specialist, says he was instructed by the CIA to pose as an American businessman with terminal cancer. He says he was told to pretend that he would be willing to sell anything, including military secrets, to help put aside a financial nest egg for his family.

Smith, who is accused of disclosing the identities of six U.S. double agent to a Soviet KGB officer for \$11,000, also told the Post that the CIA said it would disavow any of his activities if he was discovered.

Smith, 40, of Bellevue, Wash., handled double agent operations for the Army Intelligence and Security Command during the last seven of his 13 years in the Army.

He does not dispute passing on the information to the KGB agent in Japan, but says it was part of an operation initiated in 1981 and directed by the CIA.

"Some of these (double agent operations) never existed," Smith told the Post. "Some of them did work, but they had been terminated. They were finished. They were not active operations. There was no damage (in disclosing information to the KGB agent)."

Smith said that he had lost contact with his CIA operatives in 1983 and that he has tried to get in touch with them since then, without success.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said Saturday night he had no comment on the report.

Smith was released on \$500,000 bond early last week. He could face life imprisonment if convicted of transmitting national defense information to the Soviets.